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REMARKS

Claims 8-19 were pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner Interview held between the undersigned and Examiner Kovalick. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the noted interview and the following remarks.

In the Advisory Action mailed October 15, 2004, the Examiner notes that applicants arguments, for example regarding claim 8, a central distinguishing feature of the invention is the disposition of the scanning lines other than the already selected scanning line, e.g. the scan line to which a reverse bias is being applied. The examiner further states that applicants indicate that the remaining scan lines remain connected to the source voltage and that such a configuration is not consistent with the language of the claim.

A close review of applicants' arguments of August 24, 2004 revealed, for example, during the above noted interview and made of record show that the argument noted above, e.g. "that the remaining scan lines remain connected to the source voltage" was made regarding the applied reference. The Interview Summary sheet confirms that in the interview, the Examiner's understanding of applicants' arguments with regard to claim 8 was clarified and that the noted argument was directed to the applied reference and not to claim 8.

Thus, the combined effect of the Advisory Action and the above noted interview, in applicants view, is to confirm that claim 8, clearly distinguishes over Ushigusa et al because in stark contrast to the claimed invention, according to Ushigusa the remaining scan lines remain connected to the source voltage, whereas claim 8 of the present invention clearly recites that the remaining scanning lines are switchedly connected to a ground voltage so as to discharge a

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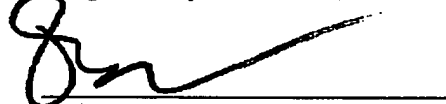
charge stored to others of a plurality of luminous elements connected to remaining scanning lines, in a course of switching from the already connected scanning line to a next scanning line.

Applicants further note that since no substantive amendments were made in the response of August 24, 2004, that the clarification provided in the above noted interview and the substance of applicants arguments, reveal that the claims distinguish over the applied reference and are thus in condition for allowance.

In view of the forgoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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